

Commonwealth of Virginia

Virginia's Voter Rights and Responsibilities

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As a Virginia Voter, you have the following rights:

- To be notified whether your voter registration has been accepted or denied.
- To vote if you have registered at your current address at least 29 days before Election Day.
- To seek help from the election officials if you are unsure about anything relating to the voting process.
- To be given a demonstration of the voting equipment.
- To have your paper ballot voided BEFORE IT IS CAST and be given a new one if you feel you voted incorrectly.
- To enter the name of a write-in candidate if the candidate of your choice is not on the ballot.
- To have a ballot brought to your vehicle if you are 65 years of age or older or disabled.
- To have an Election Official or other person help you vote if you are disabled or unable to read or write.
- ***Anyone who assists you vote must do so according to your instructions, without trying to influence your vote, and may not in any way tell others how you voted.***
- To vote even if you have no ID with you.
- To vote a Conditional Ballot if your status as a qualified voter is in question.
- To bring your minor child, age 15 or younger, into the voting booth.
- To vote if you are in line by 7:00 p.m.
- To cast an absentee ballot if you are qualified to do so.
- ***You cannot be denied the right to vote if you are eligible to do so.***

As a Virginia Voter, you have the following responsibilities:

- To keep your voter registration information up to date.
- To show your ID at the polls. If you have no ID with you, you may still vote if you sign an Affirmation of Identity form.
- To request help if you do not know how to use the voting equipment, have questions about the voting process, or if you are disabled or unable to read or write.
- To check your ballot for correctness BEFORE you cast it.
- To know that once your ballot is cast, you CANNOT be given another ballot even if you think you voted incorrectly.
- To ask the election official to call the Voter Registrar's office **BEFORE** you leave the polling place if you have problems regarding your eligibility to vote or the casting of your ballot.

These statements are only a summary of U.S. and Virginia voting laws. For a complete listing of your rights and responsibilities, read the "Voters' Rights and Responsibilities" poster at your polling place or on the State Board of Elections web site, www.sbe.virginia.gov

If you have questions about your voter registration status or elections in your locality, contact your local Voter Registration office. The phone number can be found at www.sbe.state.va.us under the Voter Registration Section, or in the blue Government pages of the phone book under "voter registration" for your city or county.

If you feel your voting rights have been violated or that you may have witnessed an election law being broken, contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-552-9745, or via email at info@sbe.virginia.gov.